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MONDAY, August 24, 2009 Finding God's will may be difficult, but following God's will is often even harder. We know that "God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our lives," but sometimes that wonderful plan involves hardship, suffering, persecution and even martyrdom. When you discover God's will, are you going to be faithful to carry it out?

The model for faithfulness in following God's will is given to us by Jesus, who, in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the night before He was crucified, prayed, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

From your study of this event, you will see how God can strengthen you through prayer. Today, read Matthew 26:36-46.

How would you describe Jesus at the beginning of this extended period of prayer?

How would you describe Him at the end of this time of prayer?

TUESDAY, August 25, 2009

Read Mark's account of the Gethsemane prayer in Mark 14:32-42. What prevented the disciples from being fully blessed by this night of prayer? What can we do to keep alert during a long time of prayer? List ideas here:

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WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009

Read Luke's account in Luke 22:39-46. What did God do to strengthen Jesus during this time of prayer? Also read John's brief mention of the visit to Gethsemane in John 18:1. Consider these options for applying the lesson to your life:

- Enlist a prayer partner and pray together each week.
- Use a journal to record your prayer concerns and God's answers.
- Lead your class or department to plan a prayer retreat.
- Volunteer to serve as prayer leader for your class.

THURSDAY, August 27, 2009

Jesus got what He prayed for: not release and relief, but the Father's will. As soon as He finished praying, Judas the betrayer arrived on the scene. Read Matthew 26:47-56. Are you willing to pay the price of prayer aimed at discovering God's will?

FRIDAY, August 28, 2009

How should we as Christians respond when suffering and trials come to our lives? Check your answers:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> surprise | <input type="checkbox"/> joy | <input type="checkbox"/> shame |
| <input type="checkbox"/> praise | <input type="checkbox"/> commitment | <input type="checkbox"/> good works |

Now read 1 Peter 4:12-19 and see if your answers match Peter's.

SATURDAY, August 29, 2009

Paul dealt with suffering by reminding himself of its insignificance in the eternal scheme of things. Read Romans 8:17-18 and 2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Paraphrase those passages using first person.

SUNDAY, August 30, 2009

Jesus said that sharing in His suffering through persecution would be a blessing to us. Read Matthew 5:10-12, 43-46. Why not have your own Gethsemane prayer today? Commit to God that, by His grace, you will be faithful to carry out His will in your life.